

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Fall 2005 marks the 225th anniversary of the death of one of Alexandria's founding fathers, Colonel John Carlyle. To commemorate this somber event in the City's history, the Carlyle House presents: **Death Comes to Carlyle House: An 18th Century Virginia Home in Mourning**. This exhibit explores the mourning practices of 18th century Virginia through the experience of Colonel Carlyle's household from 1753 to 1780. The exhibit will culminate with a re-creation of a typical 18th century gentry funeral on Saturday, October 29, 2005 at 6 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carlyle's mansion is one of the earliest Palladian houses in Virginia. Completed in 1753 for his wife Sarah Fairfax, the two story house is unique in Alexandria for its stone construction; and

WHEREAS, John Carlyle was a Scottish merchant, landowner, town trustee, and justice of the peace by the age of 33 when he built his house. Through these activities, Colonel Carlyle touched the lives of a great number of local residents; and

WHEREAS, John Carlyle served as a colonel in the militia and his home was used by Major General Edward Braddock as his headquarters in 1755 to plan a military campaign against the French on the Western frontier during the early days of the French and Indian War; and

WHEREAS, the Carlyle House is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is operated to the highest professional standards. The museum's mission is to interpret the life and times of John Carlyle to a diverse audience and to accurately furnish the house to the period of his residency; and

WHEREAS, The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority pledges to preserve and maintain the Carlyle House as an educational, historical, and cultural resource for the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council and the citizens of Alexandria, do express the City's appreciation for the outstanding job they do in interpreting life at the Carlyle House.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 25th day of October 2005.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk